

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on
Native Title and the Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Land Fund**

OPERATION OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT

**Inquiry Into The Effectiveness Of
The National Native Title Tribunal**

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Dear Ms Weeks

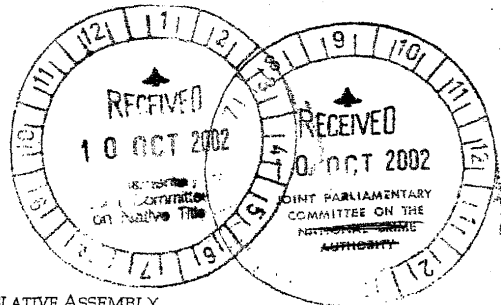
I refer to your letter of 11 September 2002 regarding the inquiry being conducted by the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund into the effectiveness of the National Native Title Tribunal

I am advised that the ACT Government Solicitor has been in contact with the National Native Title Tribunal on a number of occasions, and have found the staff of the Tribunal to be helpful and practical in the advice that they have provided. In particular, the mediation service that the Tribunal provides is one service that has been of great benefit to the ACT Government Solicitor's Office when dealing with sensitive and complex issues.

Yours sincerely

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